



# Friday Facts

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## FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

**ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:** 'Joy to the World, the Lord has come!' Now available in PDF format on the Diocesan website at (<https://www.catholicottawa.ca>).

**MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL:** Archbishop Prendergast will celebrate Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Fri., Dec. 30, 12:15 p.m.** Families are most welcome on this special day.

**MASS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF THE LATE JOSEPH-AURELE PLOURDE:** Archbishop Prendergast will offer Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Archbishop Joseph-Aurele Plourde, seventh Archbishop of Ottawa on **Thurs., Jan. 5, 5:00 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral, on the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death.

**ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST'S SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS:** The Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa and Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall will preside/participate in the following: **Sat., Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m.**, Christmas Eve Mass, Nativité de Marie Co-cathedral, 220 Montreal Rd., Cornwall. **Sat., Dec. 24, 11:30 p.m.**, Christmas carols & bilingual Midnight Mass, Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica, 385 Sussex Dr. **Sun., Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m.**, Mass in French with the Sisters of Charity at the Mother House. Ottawa's first bishop, Bishop Eugène-Bruno Guigues, began this tradition in our local Church and the Archbishop continues this Christmas Day celebration. **Sun., Jan. 1, 11:00 a.m.**, Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, at St. Columban Church, 36 Fourth Street W., Cornwall, followed by Levee in Agape Centre.

**HOMELANDS MASS:** At Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., Jan. 22, 2:30 p.m.** All welcome!

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:** Now available on our website at ([www.CatholicOttawa.ca](http://www.CatholicOttawa.ca)).

**THE RITUAL GESTURE OF THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE ON JAN. 1:** On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8, Pope Francis published his Message for the 50<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace, 1 January 2017: *Nonviolence: a Style of Politics for Peace*. According to the liturgical calendar, the celebration on January 1 of the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God could be a special moment to invite assemblies of the faithful to reflect on the significance of exchanging the sign of the Lord's peace.

**PRAYERS:** For the repose of the soul of Mr. Aleksandar KALMAR, father of Fr. Dinko Kalmar, pastor of St. Leopold Mandic Parish. Mr. Kalmar died on December 18, 2016 in his 87<sup>th</sup> year. The Funeral was held in Slavonski Brod, Croatia on December 20. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

## VOCATIONS

**PRIESTHOOD DISCERNERS' GROUP:** Open to any man interested in knowing more about the priesthood. Next meeting: **Wed., Jan. 11, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Margaret Mary Parish. Info: Fr. Pierre Champoux (613-558-1445) or ([vocations@archottawa.ca](mailto:vocations@archottawa.ca)); (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/priesthood>).

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mercy and joy.**

*"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,  
peace..." (Galatians 5.22)*

## PASTORAL CALENDAR 2016-17

<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/pastoral-calendar>

### Events to Note

**Dec. 29** – Luncheon for Priests

**Jan. 22** – Homelands Mass

**Feb. 4** – Celebration of  
Consecrated Life

**Feb. 15** – Pastoral Day

### Submitting a notice for the Friday Fax

- ✓ please ensure all notices include contact details
- ✓ ideally notices should be sent 3 weeks before event date
- ✓ weekly deadline for FF is **Wednesday noon**
- ✓ contact info ([abrown@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:abrown@ArchOttawa.ca))

**Previous Issues of the FF:**  
([www.catholicottawa.ca](http://www.catholicottawa.ca))

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: The Epiphany – Jan. 8.** For an increased understanding among our young people that they are uniquely chosen by God to be holy through their specific vocation to their state in life in Christ. **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jan. 15.** Lord, we know that You call us to our vocation from the moment of our baptism. Help young men and women answer this call most faithfully.

**FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS – [www.fymottawa.com](http://www.fymottawa.com)**

**STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2017 INTEREST MEETING:** Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2017 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2017 can attend Steubenville Toronto. An interest meeting for parents and youth will be held **Jan. 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Info: Krista Wawrykow (613-738-5025 ext. 222); ([kwawrykow@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:kwawrykow@ArchOttawa.ca)).

**FROM THE HOLY SEE**

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:** That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

**FROM THE CCCB**

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS FORM A CATHOLIC COALITION TO STRENGTHEN AND FOSTER RELATIONS WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLE: 'OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CIRCLE':** Seven Canadian Catholic organizations have formed a coalition to strengthen and foster relations with Indigenous people. Mission statement: "*Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle is a Catholic coalition of Indigenous people, bishops, clergy, lay movements and institutes of consecrated life, engaged in renewing and fostering relationships between the Catholic Church and Indigenous people in Canada.*" [Read more...](#)

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

**CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION – WORLD DAY OF PEACE:** In his [message](#) for the *World Day of Peace, 2017*, Pope Francis calls on us to be followers of Jesus in our broken world, embracing positive peacebuilding strategies. He has announced that on January 1, the new *Dicastery for Promoting Human Development* will begin its work. [This office](#) will help the Church promote "the inestimable goods of justice, peace, and the care of creation". We all have a part to play. As Pope Francis states, "Saint Therese of Lisieux invites us to practise the little way of love, not to miss out on a kind word, a smile or any small gesture that sows peace and friendship." Info: John Dorner ([jdorner@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@ArchOttawa.ca)); (613-738-5025 x251).

**PRO-LIFE**

**CLERGY LUNCHEON:** An invitation from Campaign Life Coalition to a complimentary lunch and update on the latest issues on Life & Family. Open to Clergy, Deacons and spouses and those who assist them. **Tues., Jan. 17, Noon - 2:30 p.m.** at St. John the Apostle Church Hall, 2340 Baseline Rd. Info & RSVP: ([debbie@campaignlifecoalition.ca](mailto:debbie@campaignlifecoalition.ca)); (613-729-0379).

**FAITH FORMATION**

**FACILITATED DVD LECTURE SERIES & REFLECTION FOR WOMEN:** "*Divine Mercy - An In-Depth Study with Dr. Robert Stackpole*". [Sister+Hood](#) offers Part I of this series on First Saturday's starting **Jan. 7** at St. Monica Parish, 2080 Merivale Road after the 9:00 a.m. Mass - 11:30 a.m. Monthly series continues Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6 & Jun. 3. Cost for 6 sessions: \$15. Sister+Hood Kits for new members: \$10. Info: Karen (613-806-0377); ([livesisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:livesisterhood@gmail.com)).

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATION, ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA:** Full-time, permanent position at 37½ hours/week. Recent Canadian Criminal Records check is a requirement. Job description & details: ([www.catholicottawa.ca](http://www.catholicottawa.ca)). Deadline to respond: **12:00 p.m., Fri., Jan. 6.** No phone calls.

*Merry Christmas to all!*

